

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cart comprising:
a work platform including a laptop platform, a work surface separate from the laptop platform, and compartments for containing items;
a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and
a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base,
wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,
wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartments are disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartments are configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartments,
wherein the laptop platform can be moved in at least one of the forward and rearward directions, and
wherein the work surface can be moved in at least one of a leftward and rightward direction along an arcuate path that faces the forward direction.
2. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 1, wherein the compartments include drawers, and the portion of the work platform is configured such that the drawers can be opened in the forward direction.
3. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 2, wherein the work platform is configured to accommodate drawers of different sizes.

4. (Previously Presented): The cart according to claim 1, further comprising a handle disposed above the compartments and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward direction, the handle being configured such that the handle can be grasped by a user facing in the rearward direction to push the cart in the rearward direction.

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7. (Original): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work platform includes a barcode scanner holder.

8. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of rolling members connected to the base, wherein the work platform includes sidewalls, and the rolling members are disposed on the base outside of the sidewalls.

9. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 1, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights.

10. (Previously Presented) The cart of claim 9, wherein the height adjustment mechanism comprises:

a stationary casing connected to the base;

a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing;

at least two drawer slides disposed between the stationary casing and the telescoping casing;

a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and

an actuator for controlling the driver.

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18. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 1, further comprising:
a refuse container.

19. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1, [[5,]] wherein the laptop platform is configured to move in both the forward and rearward directions between a forwardmost and a rearwardmost position, and wherein the work platform includes a mechanism configured to releaseably lock the laptop platform between the forwardmost and rearwardmost positions.

20. (Currently Amended): The cart of claim 1, [[6,]] wherein the work surface is configured to move in both the rightward and the leftward directions between a rightmost and a leftmost position, and wherein the work platform includes a releasable locking mechanism configured to releaseably lock the work surface between the rightmost and leftmost positions.

21. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 7, wherein the barcode scanner holder is adjustable.

22. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 21, wherein the adjustable barcode scanner holder can be adjusted to hold a barcode scanner in an inverted orientation above the work platform.

23. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 10, wherein the driver includes a piston that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow out of the piston during lowering of the height of the work platform, and that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow into the piston during increasing of the height of the work platform.

24. (Currently Amended): A cart comprising:
a work platform including a work surface and compartments for containing items;
a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and
a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative
to the base,

wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,

wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartments are disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartments are configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartments.

wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights,

wherein the height adjustment mechanism comprises:

a stationary casing connected to the base;

a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing;

at least two drawer slides disposed between the stationary casing and the telescoping casing;

a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and

an actuator for controlling the driver, and ~~The cart of claim 10,~~

wherein the actuator is disposed above the compartments and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward direction.

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32. (Currently Amended): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a laptop platform, a work surface separate from the laptop platform, and at least one compartment for containing an item within the compartment;

a base; and

a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism comprises:
a stationary casing connected to the base;
a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing; and
at least two drawer slides including rolling members and being disposed between the stationary casing and the telescoping casing,
wherein the laptop platform can be moved in at least one of the forward and rearward directions, and
wherein the work surface can be moved in at least one of a leftward and rightward direction along an arcuate path that faces the forward direction.

33. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 32, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights, the height adjustment mechanism further comprising:

a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and
an actuator for controlling the driver.

34. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 33, wherein the driver includes a piston that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow out of the piston during lowering of the height of the work platform, and that, in response to a user's actuation of the actuator, permits gas to flow into the piston during increasing of the height of the work platform.

35. (Previously Presented): A cart comprising:
a work platform including a work surface and at least one compartment for containing an item within the compartment;
a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and
a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to

releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights, the height adjustment mechanism comprising:

- a stationary casing connected to the base;
- a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing;
- a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and
- an actuator for controlling the driver,

wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,

wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartment is disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartment is configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartment,

wherein the actuator is disposed above the compartment and on the portion of the work platform that projects in the forward direction.

36. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 35, further comprising a handle disposed on the work platform, wherein the actuator is disposed on the handle.

37. (Currently Amended): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a laptop platform and a work surface separate from the laptop surface;

a holder for supporting a barcode scanner, wherein the holder is connected to the work platform and is adjustable to adjust the location of the scanner relative to the work platform;

a base that moveably supports the work platform,

wherein the laptop platform can be moved in at least one of the forward and rearward directions, and

wherein the work surface can be moved in at least one of a leftward and rightward direction along an arcuate path that faces the forward direction.

38. (Previously Presented): The cart of claim 37, wherein the holder can be adjusted to hold a barcode scanner in an inverted orientation above the work platform so as to enable a user to scan items without holding the barcode scanner.

39. (New): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work surface is positioned below the laptop platform.

40. (New): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work surface is configured to move in the leftward or rightward direction through a slot in a side of the work platform.

41. (New): The cart of claim 1, wherein the work platform includes a secondary work surface that is exposed when the laptop platform moves in the forward or rearward direction.

42. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a work surface and compartments for containing items;

a keyless entry system for unlocking the compartments of the work platform;

a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and

a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base,

wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,

wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartments are disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment

mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartments are configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartments.

43. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform including a work surface and at least one compartment for containing an item within the compartment;

a base configured to be movable in at least a rearward direction; and

a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights, the height adjustment mechanism comprising:

a stationary casing connected to the base;

a telescoping casing connected to the work platform and configured to move relative to the stationary casing;

a driver configured to releasably lock the telescoping casing relative to the stationary casing; and

an actuator for controlling the driver,

wherein the base includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in a forward direction that is substantially opposite to the rearward direction,

wherein the work platform includes a portion that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, the compartment is disposed in the portion of the work platform that projects from the height adjustment mechanism in the forward direction, and the compartment is configured to permit a user facing in the rearward direction to access an item within the compartment,

wherein the actuator is disposed above the compartment and on the work platform.

44. (New): A cart comprising:

a work platform;

a holder for supporting a barcode scanner, wherein the holder is connected to the work platform and is adjustable to adjust the location of the scanner relative to the work platform;

a base that moveably supports the work platform; and

a height adjustment mechanism for adjusting the height of the work platform relative to the base, wherein the height adjustment mechanism is configured to releasably lock the work platform at a plurality of heights.